

ST. VITAL CATHOLIC PARISH

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MAY 21, 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English) Sunday 9:00 a.m. (bilingual) 11:00 a.m. (English)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, May 23rd - Friday, May 26th @ 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION – May 26th 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Check out our website www.saintvitalparish.com and check it regularly for updates.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11 a.m. – noon (in the church) or

By appointment by contacting Fr. Les

VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY The office will be closed Monday, May 22 for the Victoria Day statutory holiday.

CALLED TO PROTECT TRAINING SESSION

The two and half hour session is **mandatory for all volunteers and employees** of the Archdiocese. The next Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session, will be offered in-person as follow:

Monday, May 22, 2023 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm St. Charles Parish (17511 - 112 St. NW, Edmonton) To register please use the link: <https://forms.gle/fdgfAAvoR7m2gjENA>

Parishioners: If you notice any repair or maintenance issues in the church that require attention please contact the parish office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL offers women of our parish the gifts of faith, friendship and support while offering opportunities to develop leadership skills & confirmation of our Catholic values. We invite all women of our parish to share with us your own gifts and make a difference by serving God and Canada in our CWL parish council.

Next General Meeting will be: *Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.*

ADVOCACY

Catholic Women's League members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Join us. Be an advocate and let your voices be heard!

Scent Free Makes Sense



We would like the parish to be sensitive to folks with allergies and refrain from wearing perfume and aftershave at Mass. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Soap Box Derby

Deadline is May 20 to enter your kids in the annual Soap Box Derby during this year's Beaumont Days. The event takes place on Saturday, May 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kids ages 8 to 13 are eligible. Soap Box cars are provided. For more details and registration forms visit the Knights of Columbus link on the Parish Website. You can also contact Paul Weisenberger for details. 780-929-5150, Email: paulweisenberger@hotmail.com

K OF C SPONSORED PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus invite all to their pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 21 after both morning Masses (9:00 & 11:00am).

KEVIN KERRIGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP -This scholarship, sponsored by Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus Council is open to year 2023 graduating high school seniors who attend St. Vital Church as well as a members of the Parish that are attending post secondary schooling at any level. Preference will be given to a graduating high school senior. The scholarship has a value of \$500. and will be awarded on the basis of all round achievement rather than for strictly academic performance. Achievement in the areas of academics, athletics, the arts, school, community and church involvement will be considered as well as the question of financial need in determining the successful candidate. Deadline for applying is May 31, 2023. Applications are at the back of church and online at the Parish website (see KofC link).

K of C Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold its monthly food drive in support of the Leduc Food Bank the weekend of May 27/28, 2023. Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule. Thanks to all the Parishioners who have been supporting this effort over the months. The needy of Leduc County thank you as well.

Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus will be selling **Sobey and No Frills gift cards** after all masses on the weekend. Buy your grocery cards and support Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus. We thank you for your consideration.

A Note From the St Vital Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team is a group of parishioners from St Vital who are available to bring the Blessed Sacrament to those of our parish who are unable to attend Mass on Sundays.

We regularly go to Chateau Vitaline, Place Beausejour and also private homes of those who are unable to attend Mass due to health reasons.

If you have a loved one who is unable to attend Mass and would like to have a visit and receive Holy Communion from our team, please contact Jeanette at the Parish Office (780-929-8541). Please note that we always come as a team of two people when we visit.

*Please contact Jeanette at the parish office if you are interested in joining in this ministry.

Baptism Preparation Course

Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking Baptism Preparation now while you are waiting for the birth of your son or daughter. **The classes are for parents and sponsors (godparents).** Attending now eliminates the need to find baby-sitters, rearrange feeding schedules etc. plus it adds to the joyful anticipation of your new arrival. Parents wishing to register for the course which will be held on **Monday, June 19th at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office.

Our Lady of Victory Camp

If you have a child in grade 4-12, we have a place for them at Our Lady of Victory Camp this summer! Consider sending them to camp where they can swim in our lake, gather around the campfire, play epic games, and grow in their faith during one of our four weeks of camp this summer. If you don't have a camp-aged child, you can still get involved in the preparations for our camp reopening this summer. Please pray for us! We also always need workers on the ground to help prepare the site of the summer and would welcome any financial support you might give. We look forward to gathering with families and camp supporters on Saturday, July 8th for Mass with the Archbishop and a BBQ. If you have any questions, please contact us at 587-447-2837 or visit www.olvcamp.com.

DECLARING TAXES

Taxes declared in support of the Catholic separate school division in your municipality benefit your children. To ensure your property taxes are supporting your Catholic separate school, you need to declare your school support as "separate" on your annual property assessment notice and tax bill. If a declaration of school support is not filed by a property owner, the property assessment and tax bills show that the school support is going to the public school district. If your support designation is incorrect, it can easily be corrected by completing and submitting a School Support Declaration form obtained from your local city, town, or municipal office, or online at <https://www.alberta.ca/education-property-tax.aspx> and scroll down to "Form 6A". A change in school support does not take effect until the following calendar year. Thank you for Supporting Catholic education!

Come to be **REIGNITED**, the flame within **REKINDLED**, and to be **RENEWED** through the Holy Spirit! Join the Catholic Renewal Services for our **Pentecost Vigil on Sat May 27** at St. Thomas More Church located at 210 Haddow Close NW, start time **7:00 pm**. Fathers Matthew Hysell & Mark McGee will be the celebrants

Stewardship Corner Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension Weekend of May 20/21

In today's Gospel, Jesus charges His followers to "make disciples of all nations". What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: Their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice. Christ's Good News is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities don't know about Jesus Christ. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?

LIVING IN THE WORD

As we move forward in response to the call of our Holy Father to conversion by hearing and doing God's Word, let us not fail to look to the example of Our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary, and invoke her intercession. The perfect disciple, her heart was fully open to the Word of God and entirely receptive to its transformation of her life. Her response to God, born of complete and unflinching trust in the providence and wisdom of God, inspires and shapes our own: "Be it done unto me according to thy Word." (Luke 1:38) By the help of her maternal prayers, may her response be ours as we hear Jesus speak to us in Sacred Scripture and strive, with the aid of his grace, to put that Word into practice.

Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017

NEWMAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: COME STUDY WITH US! We are a Roman Catholic School of Theology committed to theological education and missionary discipleship. Our vision is to develop life-long disciples and ministers of Christ through the formation of minds and hearts. We offer graduate and undergraduate programs and we are still accepting applications for Fall 2023.

Visit www.newman.edu to explore our programs and course offerings!

St. Joseph's College is an affiliate Catholic college located at the heart of the University of Alberta, the province's premier research institution. We support students in their development as whole people by offering university credit courses that explore the unity of faith and reason, and by providing a safe, inclusive community through our residences and campus ministry. At St. Joseph's College, students are empowered to ask big questions, build lifelong relationships, and develop a faith that is authentic and their own, and they go out into the world with the tools and vision to help bring about the common good.

- Over 70 courses that explore faith and reason as part of your University of Alberta degrees
- Small class sizes and dedicated faculty help students feel connected and at home on a large University campus
- Men's and Women's residences provide housing and meals for over 300 students
- • Daily and weekend mass offers regular opportunities to participate in the sacraments

May 21 - The Ascension of the Lord
"LEFT BEHIND"?



Together We Serve reminds us that we are One Church, One Family of God, established by Jesus Christ to bring the Gospel to a world in need. And he has promised that he will be with us.

"I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world..." (John 17:11)

Ask at the parish office how you can give to *Together We Serve* or visit:
www.caedm.ca/togetherweserve